March 11, 2002

Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th St, SW Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 96-45

This is to certify that Ringsted Telephone Company ("the company"), will use its Interstate Common Line Support & Long Term Support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities & service for which the support is intended.

I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of the company named above. This certification is provided for all study areas under the common control of the company, and which are listed below & in attachment as necessary.

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| Company Name | State | | Study Area No. |
| Ringsted Telephone Company | Ia | | 35-1280 |